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THE TREASURE STATE

MONTANA became a territory in 1864 and the 41st state in 1889. The nation's fourth largest state averages 550 miles in length and 275 miles in width. The eastern third is plains country; central third, plains and isolated mountain ranges; western third, mountains and mountain valleys. The Continental Divide runs north and south through the western section. The highest point is Granite Peak, 12,799 feet; the lowest is 1,820 feet on the Kootenai River at the Idaho line. Climate varies with topography and altitude. Average annual rainfall is 15 inches. Average daytime temperatures vary from 28 degrees in January to 84.5 degrees in July.

MONTANA has a land area of 93,157,952 acres richly endowed with natural resources. In addition to millions of acres of ideal range and cropland, other prominent commodities being utilized for the nation and world are water, copper, timber, coal, lead, oil and natural gas.

Livestock is by far the most important agricultural product . . . but Montana is also a leading producer of wheat, barley, hay and sugar beets. Cash receipts from farm products exceed \$1,405,380,000 while the latest estimated value of mineral production is \$939 million.

The timber industry produces about 1.4 billion board feet annually. Products include lumber, plywood, pulp and paper, manufactured wood products and more than a million Christmas trees. Most of the state's power is hydroelectric, but there are six steam generating plants using coal as fuel. The annual value added by manufacture in Montana is \$802 million based primarily on processing of raw materials and agricultural commodities.

MONTANA is a Four Season Vacationland for more than 3.5 million visitors per year. There are 14,400 miles of paved public roads—8 bus lines and 5 airlines serving MONTANA—the Treasure State.



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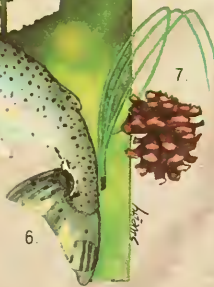
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1. State Seal
2. State Gem Stones—Montana Agate Montana Sapphire
3. State Bird—Western Meadowlark
4. State Flower—The Bitterroot
5. State Grass—Bluebunch Wheatgrass
6. State Fish—Blackspotted Cutthroat Trout
7. State Tree—Ponderosa Pine



MONTANA HIGHWAYS

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ROUTE MARKERS

	Interstate Marker	Abbreviations
	U.S. Numbered Marker	A = Alternate
	Lewis and Clark Trail	QR = Business
	State Route Marker	GP = Bypass
	Other Route Marker	N = North
	Marker on sign post locates an historical Old West Trail	S = South
		E = East
		W = West

Accumulated Mileage

- Intermediate Mileage between towns, junctions or interchanges
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- Points of Interest, Numbers described to left of map
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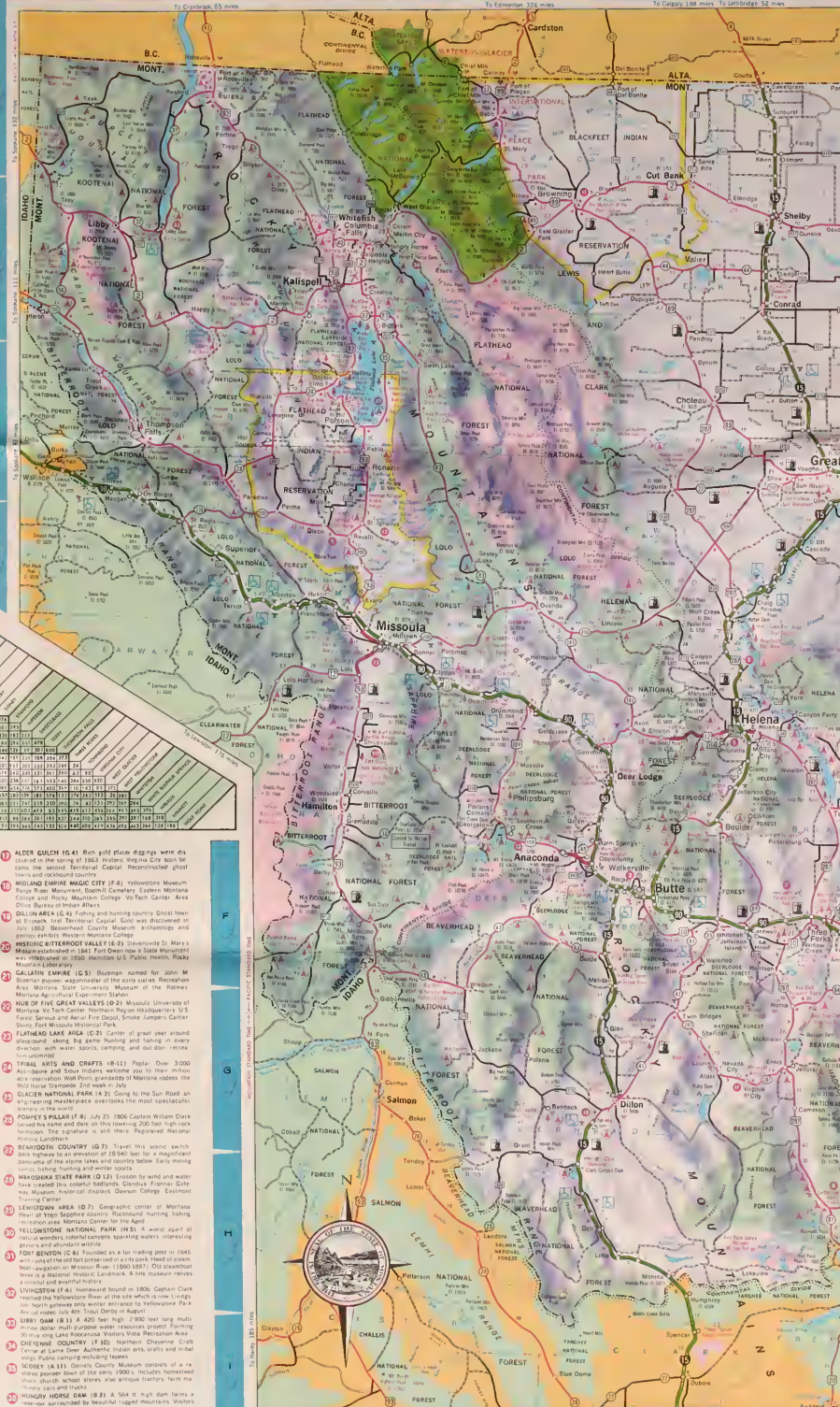
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2 RICHEST HILL ON EARTH (E 4) Gold was found from deep mines and open pits. World's 33 acres of history and relics of mining of Yellowstone College of Mineral Science and Technology.

 CUSTER BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

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MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

There is a lot of Montana under our big sky. We have much to be proud of here's what we are famous for.

Glacier National Park . . . Lying in a rugged section of the Montana Rocky Mountains, Glacier National Park has approximately 40 glaciers and two glacial lakes. Crystal clear streams offer fishing opportunities and no license is required. Fields of brilliant mountain wildflowers, cascading waterfalls, sheer cliffs, dense forests, and wildlife offer a changing panorama. Going to the Sun Road, a spectacular east-west 50-mile drive crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. It opens about the last week in June and remains open well into October. Much of the park is accessible by car and nearly a thousand miles of trails lead deep into back country or to mountain chalets. Year-round accommodations are available on the park's fringes. Accommodations in the park are open from June to Sept. Contact the Supr., Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936.

Yellowstone National Park . . . 3 of the 5 entrances to Yellowstone, the largest and oldest of all the National Parks, are in Montana. (1) Gardiner on U.S. 89; (2) the Beartooth Hwy (U.S. 212); and (3) U.S. Hwy. 191 and 287, at West Yellowstone, MT. Often termed "nature's wonderland," Yellowstone is renowned for spouting geysers, brilliant pools, bubbling calderas, mountains, canyons, streams and lakes, forests and waterfalls. 2,221,000 acres of scenic beauty. Accommodations are open in the park from May to Oct. Contact the Supr., Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

National Bison Range . . . Located in western Montana, the Range protects one of the most important of the remaining herds of American bison. Self-guiding auto tour.

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area . . . G-8 Bighorn Canyon in southeastern Montana is rich in historic, scenic and recreational value. The Pryor Mountains, Crow Indian Reservation—the entire area—is a geologist's delight.

Capital City of Helena . . . E-4 An 1864 gold discovery touched off a boom area which saw Helena become "Queen City of the West" and Montana's capital city. Her evolution can be traced along Main Street. Last Chance Gulch, with buildings dating to the 1870's. Location of Montana Historical Cathedral, St. Helena Cathedral, State Capitol and many historic buildings. Ride the Last Chance Tour Train to see it all.

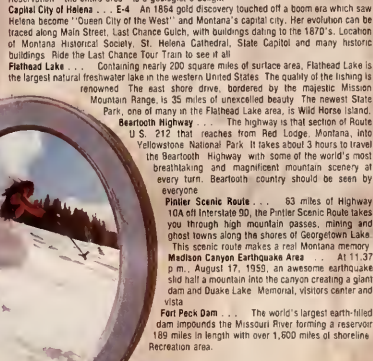
Flathead Lake . . . Containing nearly 200 square miles of surface area, Flathead Lake is the largest natural freshwater lake in the western United States. The quality of the fishing is renowned. The east shore drive, bordered by the majestic Mission Mountain Range, is 35 miles of unexcelled beauty. The newest State Park, one of many in the Flathead Lake area, is Wild Horse Island.

Beartooth Highway . . . The highway is that section of Route U.S. 212 that reaches from Red Lodge, Montana, into Yellowstone National Park. It takes about 3 hours to travel the Beartooth Highway with some of the world's most breathtaking and magnificent mountain scenery at every turn. Beartooth country should be seen by everyone.

Pintler Scenic Route . . . 63 miles of Highway 10A off Interstate 90, the Pintler Scenic Route takes you through high mountain passes, mining and ghost towns along the shores of Georgetown Lake. This scenic route makes a real Montana memory.

Madison Canyon Earthquake Area . . . At 11:37 p.m., August 17, 1959, an awesome earthquake had hurl a mountain into the canyon creating a giant dam and Quake Lake. Memorial, visitors center and vista.

Fort Peck Dam . . . The world's largest earth-filled dam impounds the Missouri River forming a reservoir 189 miles in length with over 1,600 miles of shoreline Recreation area.



SKIING In Montana, winter times are good times. Skiers find that Montana is the place they knew had to exist, where slopes are uncrowded and the powder is there. Downhill skiers will find 18 areas offering skiing for beginners and experts alike. Cross-country has become a way of life in Montana. Cross-country is a friendly weather . . . and magnificent landscape all invite ski-tourists to clomp on the "skinny skis" for an adventure—along a groomed trail, into the wilderness with a guide to lead the way or pioneering on your own.

Snowmobiling—a zesty, enthusiastic way to see an alpine winter up close. Montana has rolled out a thousand miles of white carpet—a carpet of well-groomed, well-marked and spectacularly scenic trails for snowmobile enthusiasts.

Every imaginable winter activity—ice fishing, skating, sledding—lends itself to Montana snow and winter time fun.

Some of the scheduled good times are:

Montana Winter Fair—Bozeman . . . January An annual week-long livestock show and sale. Classes and exhibits.

Winter Carnival—Whitefish . . . February Celebration of winter with King Ulfr royalty, parades, ski events, snowmobile and cross-country races.

STATE PARKS

Montana's Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department maintains 10 State Parks, 18 State Monuments and many recreation areas . . . visit the places that make Montana unique.

Bannack . . . G-3 All aspects of the gold mining trade are represented in Bannack, the site of Montana's first major gold discovery in 1862. A walking tour of this ghost town, once Montana's first territorial capital, includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's Gallows, the Hotel Maeda and the Masonic Temple and School. Off U.S. 91 near Dillon.

Dani Springs . . . E-5 One of the largest fresh water springs in the world. Giant Springs flows at a measured rate of 338 million gallons of water per day. Discovered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805, today you can visit the nearby fish hatchery and picnic by the Mission. East edge of Great Falls.

Lewis and Clark Caverns . . . F-5 Montana's first and best-known park features one of the largest known limestone caverns in the Northwest. Naturally air conditioned, these spectacular caves are electrically lighted and safe to visit. Two-hour guided tours are conducted daily during the summer. Picnic and camping area. Just off I-90 47 miles east of Butte.

Makehaka . . . D-12 The Sioux Indians had a name for this place, Makehaka, meaning "bad earth" or "bad land." Today, the badlands of Makehaka are set aside by the State of Montana for visitors to see and enjoy in addition to the unusual scenery. The seven square miles of park include an archery and shooting range, a one-mile nature trail and a camping area. 3 miles southeast of Glendive off U.S. 94.

Medicine Rocks . . . F-12 As its name implies, Medicine Rocks was a place of "Big Medicine" where Indian hunting parties conjured up magical spirits. The outstanding feature of this park is the soft sandstone rocks that weathering has given a Swiss cheese-like look. Known as a haven for wildlife, the 100 acre park has camping and picnicking facilities. Near Exaltada on Montana 7.

Missouri Headwaters . . . F-5 A Montana State Park has been established where Lewis and Clark discovered the Jefferson, Madison and Galatin Rivers joining to form the Missouri River. The Headwaters park has historical exhibits, overnight camping, picnic areas, hiking trails, fishing access and a boat ramp. Off I-90 near Three Forks.

STATE MONUMENTS

Chief Plenty Coups . . . G-8 Situated within the Crow Reservation in south central Montana, Chief Plenty Coups State Monument near Pryor was once the home of Plenty Coups, last chief of the Crows. The area offers a variety of recreational activities for visitors. Excellent picnic facilities are available and Plenty Coups' log home and store remain as evidence of the Chief's efforts to adopt a new life style. A new museum houses the Chief's personal items as well as interpretive displays dealing with Crow culture. 35 miles south of Billings at Pryor.

Madison Buffalo Jump . . . F-5 This buffalo jump (piyushu) vividly demonstrates a hunting technique used by prehistoric man in Montana as long ago as 2,000 years or more. Interpretive area showing the technique of leading or stampeding buffalo over a cliff 17 miles south of Logan off Interstate 90.

Pictograph Cave . . . F-8 Located in the sandstone outcroppings of the Bitter Creek Valley a few miles south of Billings, Pictograph Cave State Monument preserves the remains of a prehistoric culture 5,000 years old. This major archaeological site has interpretive panels to describe how man utilized this environment to fulfill his needs. 1300 east of Billings.

Natural Bridge . . . F-8 Spectacular falls and river canyon. Constrained by a deeply cut chasm, during high water the river flows over a 100-foot precipice, creating Boulder River Falls. 28 miles south of Big Timber.

Fort Owen . . . E-2 Site of the first successful military operation in Montana. Father Pierre Desmet came to the area in 1841 and established St. Mary's Mission among the Flathead Indians. In 1850 Major John Owen established the Fort as a center of farming operations and trade for the region. Near Stevensville off U.S. 93.

Chief Joseph Battlefield . . . E-7 Marks the final battle and surrender of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce. After a bitter 6-day siege the famed warrior said, "From where the sun now stands I will fight no more forever." 16 miles south of Chinook.

MAJOR EVENTS

In Montana you can find a rodeo every weekend in the summer. Art festivals and fairs are annual events in every major city and many small towns. Take in one of our special Western celebrations and you'll never forget Montana. Inquire locally for further information.

Charles M. Russell Art Auction—Great Falls . . . March Auction and extravaganza of Western art.

Backed Horse Sale—Miles City . . . May Auction of rodeo stock for the Northwest's rodeo, wild horse races and pari-mutuel betting.

Vigilante Parade—Helena . . . May Montana history floats by in a parade produced jointly by the Capital City's high schools.

College National Finals Rodeo—Bozeman . . . June Nation's top college cowboys and cowgirls compete for national titles.

North American Indian Days Celebration—Browning . . . July Blackfoot Indian games, chanting, dancing and parades are held in the camp circle.

Wild Horse Stampede—Wolf Point . . . July Since 1901—The Granddaddy of Montana rodeos.

Annual Threshing Bee and Antique Show—Scobey . . . July Thresherman's breakfast, Old Car and Tractor display, parade, Dirty Shame Saloon Show.

Montana State Fiddler's Championships—Ponson . . . July Two-day, all-age competition for Montana fiddlers.

Yellowstone Boat Race—Livingston/Laurel . . . July Three-day float on the Monarch of Western Rivers—the Yellowstone River.

Festival of Nations—Red Lodge . . . August Nine-day free festival featuring a different nation's food, music, crafts and exhibits each day.

Sweet Pea Festival—Bozeman . . . August Arts and crafts festival with a parade, arts and crafts fair, concerts, formal ball and performances.

Crow Fair—Crow Agency . . . August Annual gathering of many tribes sponsored by the Crow Indian rodeo, parades, dancing.

Northern International Stock Show and Rodeo—Billings . . . October Week-long indoor rodeo at the Yellowstone Mall. Stock show and sale.

Big Sky Logging Championships—Kalispell . . . June Two-day competition with events like the "maw and paw buck," top-of-war and hot saw.

Last Chance Stampede and Fair—Helena . . . July The Lewis and Clark County Fair with rodeo, carnival, rodeo and night show entertainment.

Northwest Montana Threshing Bee and Antique Show—Culbertson . . . Sept Restored steam engines, old tractors and farm implements. Demonstrations.

For complete travel information about Montana contact the Travel Planners Bureau, Department of Highways, Helena, MT 59620. Non-residents call toll free 800-548-3390.

HISTORIC SITES

Montana was first recorded by French fur traders in 1743. Lewis and Clark explored the area as part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1805-06. The first permanent white settlement was St. Mary's Mission, founded in 1841, still standing today. Gold prospectors struck it rich in Bannack in 1862 by later strikes in Virginia City and Helena. The Indian wars ended with Custer's Last Stand in 1876 and a year later, Chief Joseph surrendered at the Battle of the Bear's Paw. Today there are seven Indian reservations in Montana.

Custer Battlefield National Monument . . . F-9 Site of the annihilation of Lt. Col. George Custer and his troops by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians on June 25-26, 1876. Visitor center, museum, self-guiding auto tour. 15 miles southeast of Hardy.

Big Hole National Battlefield . . . F-3 Site of 1877 battle between the Nez Perce Indians, led by Chief Joseph, and the forces of Colonel John Gibbon. Visitor center, walking tour. 12 miles west of Wisdom on Montana Highway 43.

Original Montana Governor's Mansion . . . E-4 This one-story, built in 1885 by William A. Chessman, pioneer gold mining entrepreneur, has housed nine governors since 1913. The three-story house has 20 rooms and 7 fireplaces. Open for tours. 304 North Elgin, Helena.

Kohrs Ranch National Historical Site . . . E-4 Farm and ranch buildings of one of the founders of Montana's cattle industry. A step back in time to view ranch life. You will see more than 50 structures, some of them more than 100 years old. A 23-room ranch house crowded with Victorian. There's a bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, wagon collection and more. Outskirts of Deer Lodge.

St. Ignace Mission . . . D-2 Constructed in the early 1890's, this unique Catholic Church contains 58 original murals on its walls and ceilings by Brother Joseph Carignano. Located in St. Ignace.

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Butte Historic District . . . F-4 Much of Montana's history was written in mineral-rich Butte. Did architecture, historic mines, museums and monuments recall these colorful times. Walking tours.

Montana's history is alive in its historical museums. Original works of art in the many galleries expand the Montana experience. Visitor centers offer vast amounts of information about the great State of Montana. A partial listing of Montana museums includes:

Museum of the Plains Indians . . . B-3 Art and artifacts of 11 Plains Indian tribes. Hwy. 2 & 88, west of Browning.

Fort Missoula Historical Museum . . . D-2 Montana military, military, commerce and agriculture. Fort Missoula, Building 322, west on South Avenue, Missoula.

D.M. Russell Museum . . . G-5 Collections of Western art and history. Adjacent to C.M. Russell's original log cabin store and home. 1201 Fourth Avenue North, Great Falls.

Museum of the Rockies . . . F-5 Physical and social heritage of the Northern Rockies. Montana State University. South 7th and Kagy Blvd., Bozeman.

World Museum of Mining . . . F-4 Complete 1903 mining camp and mining equipment. Hell Roarin' Gulch, West Park Street, Butte.

Montana Historical Society . . . E-4 History of Montana—prehistoric to present. Charles M. Russell art. 225 North Roberts, Helena.

Range Riders Museum . . . E-11 Early range life, ranching. Hwy. 10 & 12, west of Miles City.

Virginia City . . . E-4 All of Silver City is an exciting "living museum." Virginia City and Nevada City. The flower of an early-day mining camp is found in the authentic restoration of 19th century buildings.

Western Heritage Center . . . F-8 Western history. Indians. 2911 Montana Avenue, Billings.

Town Antique Fair Collection . . . E-4 Antique Ford collection of 140 cars. 1105 Main Street, Deer Lodge.

Fort Benton Museum . . . G-6 Missouri River history. 500 photos, dioramas of Fort Benton, Front & 11th Streets, Fort Benton.

Frontier Gateway Museum . . . D-12 Montana prehistory to present. homesteading. Belle Prairie Road off I-94, 1 mile east of Glendive.

Castle Museum . . . E-5 Restored stockman's mansion. Hwy. 89 & 12, White Sulphur Springs.

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MONTANA WELCOMES YOU

A Montana welcome is as big as our sky. Here in Montana, our smiles are wide and our history runs deep. You can still hear the whisper of a ghost town . . . still pan for gold . . . still see a Charlie Russell sunset. Experience the spirit of the West at one of our rousing, foot-stomping rodeos, in one of our richly endowed museums or art galleries or on any main street in Montana. You can view wildlife in a natural setting, retrace the trails of embattled Indian chiefs or picnic at camps where Lewis and Clark stopped more than 170 years ago. Montana was cast in a setting of supreme natural beauty, and we're proud we've kept it that way. Let us share it with you and help you discover this nation's vital western roots. And remember, for your own enjoyment while you are traveling in Montana, please observe traffic regulations and drive carefully.



Governor Ted Schwinden

